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When first learned from Powell of his plan to visit Indonesia and attend Asian-African Conference, Morton and Lacy called on Powell in effort to dissuade him from making trip. He was told that as a Member of Congress his presence might be misinterpreted and signify some U. S. official involvement. Powell pointed out that he was making trip as an American negro and journalist. When it became evident that Powell could not be dissuaded Department offered to cooperate fully.

Powell stated that through the Indonesian Ambassador he had been invited to stay at the villa of the Foreign Minister in Bandung. Powell states he will be met at airport and taken to Bandung. He does not expect any more attention from the Embassy than any other American journalist. However, lack of special attention might be misinterpreted by Indonesian press. Therefore, if you think best, suggest you also meet Powell and offer him services.

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